

## Beach Combing.

W. H. Parker was a caller here on Monday last.

W. B. Wynne, of Marianna, was a Panama City visitor the first of the week.

Rod Holliday was an Old Town visitor on Sunday, passing the day with Phil West.

The insurance men have been adjusting the loss of Sale-Davis Company this week.

Owing to lack of material Contractor Daniels has not been able to do much work on the decking of the railway dock this week.

Post Office Inspector Fred Roege has been spending some days on the bay this past week, going to Pensacola on the Manteo Tuesday evening.

Contractor Hall has the frame of Mr Clingo's house up and nearly enclosed. It is going to be a very beautiful cottage, and occupies a fine location.

The post office at Millville was robbed on Friday night of last week, the loss being about \$140. As yet no trace has been found of the robber or robbers.

Tax Collector W. R. Gainer was a business caller here the first of the week. As usual the good natured, hustling collector took in quite an amount of cash from the business men of Panama City.

R. L. McKenzie left on Sunday mornings train for Columbus to attend the Waterway Convention. Mr McKenzie was one of the delegates appointed by the Commercial Club of St Andrews Bay.

S. C. Albritton, who is engaged with the United Fruit Company, at Bocas Del Toro, Republic of Panama, and who has been enjoying his vacation at his home on East Bay, returned to his home on Tuesday's Manteo.

Dr G. S. Ames, of Atlanta, Ga., the eye sight specialist, will be in Millville, Friday, Nov. 13th and Saturday Nov 14th, St Andrews, Monday and Tuesday, Nov 16th and 17th. Consultation free. Look for small poster.

The steam shovel has been working this week widening the cut near the road crossing north of the depot, the material being used in raising the grade approaching the dock, and filling in the crib work. The latter work is about done.

Vice Presidents B. W. Steele and G. H. Purvis have been in New Orleans this past week looking over that place as a terminal for the Manteo. New Orleans should be doing its share of business with the south eastern portion of the Lower South and this steamer connection would permit of their doing so.

Miss Maggie Alderman, of Marianna, made her Old Town friends a short visit from Saturday evening until Monday evening, the guest of Miss Grace West. The latter returned to Marianna with her guest on Monday evenings train for a short visit with friends there.

Leslie Gay brought to town this week a load of as fine turnips as is often seen. There were several varieties, all being from the famous Big 7 Turnip Collection, of H. G. Hastings, the noted seedsman of Atlanta. Mr Gay gave these turnips no particular attention and their size and healthy growth shows what the soil of the Bay country can produce if given even a little attention.

Drilling for oil still continues at Orange Hill, three wells already having been bored to a depth of about 1300 feet each. Major Joe Stump, who has the work in charge is very sanguine regarding the ultimate result of his labors. He states that the topography of the country and the character of the soil indicate the presence of oil beyond a doubt. Three attempts have been made to reach it, and each time at a depth of about 1300 feet the drills have been broken while boring through a stratum of hard rock that it is believed lies just above the oil. Small pockets of oil have been tapped in the wells already bored and the ooze indicates the pressure of a large body at no great distance from the bore.

## Robert Lee McKenzie.



Robert Lee McKenzie, Representative from Washington county in the State Legislature, was born in Macon county, Georgia, October 16th, 1870. His parents, both living, were W. N. and Mary (Southwell) McKenzie. His father was a farmer, and Robert L. was brought up on the farm, attending the common schools of the county, completing his schooling at the Houston High School, of Arabi, Ga.

His first work was on the farm. From that he started merchandising at Arabi, Ga., the firm being known as McKenzie & Co. From there he removed to Cordele, Ga., continuing in the same business, where he remained two years. He then engaged in the Naval Stores business at Oakfield, Ga., from which place he removed to Taylor county, Fla., where in connection with Mr Vickers, he continued in the same business. Upon his removal to Gay, Fla., in 1892, the firm became Vickers & McKenzie, under which name they operated at and near Gay, and later near Panama City. This business they sold out last January to Mr Holt. Mr McKenzie's long experience in this trade in West Florida, with his business experience generally, has placed him to the front as one of the best informed men in the Naval Stores trade, and his advice is frequently sought in matters connected with that business.

In religious matters Mr McKenzie is affiliated with the Baptist church. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, being a Royal Arch Mason. He has been connected with the Gulf Coast Development Company ever since its organization, now holding the position of vice-president and director in that company. He is also a director and stockholder in the Birmingham, Columbus & St Andrews Bay R. R.; cashier of the Bank of Panama City; secretary and treasurer of the Panama City Real Estate Company, and interested in other projects in this section.

Vickers & McKenzie were the first promoters of the location where the Sale-Davis Company are now located, having sold the property to that company, also having sold the Southern Timber Company quite an amount of the leases they are now operating.

Mr McKenzie has never been in politics before, but his popularity in Washington county is best expressed by the majorities he received in both the First and Second Primaries. He also has the pleasure of knowing that he was the only candidate to receive every vote cast for the office he was nominated for, in his home precinct. He is a conservative business man and will not only make a fair and able legislator but will always be found on the side of developing the State of Florida and advancing its interests. He is in every sense of the word a self made man, alike creditable to his own efforts, and to the state of his adoption.

### Signal Service Tower.

The Gulf Coast Development Company have signed the lease with the U. S. Weather Bureau for the land upon the beach east of the Ice Plant upon which the Government will erect the Signal Service tower, from which will be displayed storm warnings. The erection of the structure will soon begin.

The Weather Bureau also propose to furnish Panama City, and the Bay country, the daily weather forecasts. These will be sent direct from Washington and be posted in front of the G. C. D. Co's office, and mailed to various post offices about the bay; while from a signal mast in front of the same office will be displayed the usual weather forecast signals. This is separate and in no ways connected with the storm signal service.

All the information thus furnished by the Weather Bureau will be of great service to the marine and other interests of the bay, and is a distinct and much valued improvement.

### The South Georgia Road.

A telegraph report sent out from Albany, Ga., this past week says:

"The Georgia Southwestern & Gulf railroad, which proposes to build a line from this place to St Andrews Bay, Fla., today filed for record in this county a \$3,000,000 mortgage to the Carnegie Trust Company, of New York.

The state railroad commission has authorized the issue of bonds to that amount. The railroad with franchise is to be 200 miles long."

Just what the four million of bonds are based upon is not stated. So far as known in this section the company has only secured a charter, and has not even made a preliminary survey. Another dispatch emanating from the same source states that "northern capital" has been secured. Previous reports stated that French capital was backing the enterprise.

The objection that the new twenty-dollar gold pieces won't stack is trivial. The main trouble is they won't stick.—Houston Post.

## Waterway Convention.

Through a wire from R. L. McKenzie, the delegate of the "Commercial Club" to the Convention, we learn that it was a most harmonious and successful meeting, and that Columbus fairly outdone itself in the way of hospitality.

The name of the Association was changed from the "Gulf Coast Inland Waterways Association" to the "Mississippi to Atlantic Inland Waterway Association." Some two hundred delegates were present, and addresses were delivered by a large number of prominent men of the South. Senator elect Duncan U. Fletcher succinctly outlined the policy of the Association in a very able speech. Mr Fletcher was honored by being elected President of the Association. The following officers were also named.

Vice president at large, Charles J. Swift, of Columbus, Ga.; secretary, Leland J. Henderson, Apalachicola, Fla.; treasurer, G. A. Waterman, Pensacola, Fla. Honorary president, John Craft, Mobile, Ala.; vice president, Georgia, John A. Betjeman, Albany; Florida, J. H. Drummond, St Andrews; Alabama, G. Grosvenor Dawe, Montgomery; Mississippi, Benjamin Humphries, Louisiana, Warren E. Reid, Illinois, Robert Isham Randolph; Indiana, S. A. Thompson, Richmond.

Jacksonville was selected as the place for the next meeting. The PILOT goes to press too early to get a full report of the meeting but will give a synopsis of it in its next issue.

### Panama City's First Fishing Smack.

The first fishing smack to hail from Panama City started out on its initial cruise Monday evening. It is the "Flo," a boat bought and rigged up by Henry W. Johnson, and manned by Capt Fritz, and three men. Capt Fritz is the man who crossed the Atlantic in a 40 foot skiff. Mr Johnson's boat is the forerunner of many more that will be fitted out here for deep sea fishing. Already the demand for fish to be shipped from this point far exceeds the supply, and the business warrants a heavy outlay in the way of a fishing fleet.

### W. R. Beaupre General Manager.

W. R. Beaupre has been appointed General Manager of the Atlanta & St Andrews Bay R. R., taking up his duties as such this week. Mr Beaupre is a railway man of long experience having been previous to 1891 train master of the East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia R. R., at Knoxville, Tenn., and subsequently division superintendent of the same road at Atlanta. From this road he went to the Southern in the same capacity, in 1894. He remained with that road in charge of different divisions until 1898. He then became road master of the Georgia & Alabama R. R., and Seaboard Air Line, with headquarters at Savannah, which position he held until 1901, when he became division superintendent of the A. C. L. with headquarters at Montgomery, Ala.

Mr Beaupre made his first trip over the line on Tuesday, remaining here over night. Of his appointment the Dothan Eagle has the following to say:

"It has been given out that Mr. W. R. Beaupre, has been made manager of the Dothan and St. Andrews Bay road, and he is to arrive in the city today to take charge.

Mr. Beaupre is well and favorably known in Dothan, for he was superintendent of this division of the Coast Line for many years, and he has many personal friends in Dothan who will be glad to learn that he will have charge of the management of the new road. In his dealings with the people here while an official of the Coast Line, he always showed that spirit of fairness and right that goes to make friends for any road.

Mr. Ben W. Steele, who has been vice president and manager, will still hold the office of vice president."

Panama City is soon to have a gentlemen's furnishing goods store. Part of the stock and store fixtures of E. C. Poindexter have already arrived, while Mr P. is expected about the 5th of December. This will be the first exclusive furnishing goods store for the Bay country, and it will be first class in every respect. Mr Poindexter is an experienced man, thoroughly acquainted with the business, and we bespeak for him the patronage of the Bay people upon his arrival.

## St. Andrew.

The Manteo brought in a launch this week for the Bay Fishery Co.

Miss Ebba Hasselborg has returned here after quite a visit at her mothers at Parker.

The District Superintendent of the Methodist Episcopal Church North, Rev C. J. Hammitt, will hold services here on Sunday next.

H. D. Coffman and wife, relatives of J. D. Coffman, of Old Town, arrived this week to remain during the winter. They will be domiciled in Mr Coffmans house at Old Town.

J. T. Gwaltney, M. Rynearson and J. R. Thompson, St Andrew's delegates to the Columbus convention, left for that place on Sunday morning. Mr Drummond was already there.

Charlie Merritt has removed from Pittsburgh to this place occupying the new house recently erected by Frank Haight near his home. Capt Witherill moved Mr Merritt down on the Louise.

Mrs Mary B. Jenks has rented the annex of Mrs Ware, at St Andrew, and will make that her home this winter. She expects her sister Miss Tuthill, of Quincy, Ill., to come down and spend the winter with her.

The building of the Bay Fishery Company on the Ice Plant dock is about covered and ready to occupy. The covering is of galvanized iron like the ice plant, and the building makes a very substantial and handsome appearance.

Saturday the "Ladies Improvement Association of St Andrews Bay" meets at Ward's Hall at Panama City. To accommodate the ladies of this place the Leda has been secured and will leave Wares dock at 1.15 p. m., and Old Town dock at 1.30 p. m. All are invited to attend.

There was a large attendance at the Chicken Pie Supper held by the ladies of the M. E. Church last Thursday evening, and the receipts were very satisfactory totaling \$81.89 with but \$6.64 expenses. There was a candy table, and four tables at which refreshments were served. These tables were daintily set and the service just such as the ladies of St Andrew know how to furnish at these successful entertainments. Quite a little interest was created by the vote for the most popular young lady, resulting in Miss Ethel Baker receiving 563 votes, Miss Grace West 213, with the balance scattering. The prize was a fancy pillow.

### Sea Island Cotton.

The PILOT is in receipt of a package of this cotton raised by Emil F. Schmidt, on his place on East Bay, which for length of staple, fullness of ball, and small seed to the amount of lint will compare favorably with the product of the best cotton sections of the country. Mr Schmidt states this cotton was grown on common piney woods land, that the plants are thrifty and healthy, average four feet in height, well branched, and in all ways a good stand. That a bale and over of this kind of cotton to the acre can be grown on our bay lands has been demonstrated, and with the developing of this section it will become one of our staple crops.

### City Water Works.

Drilling on the well for the city water works began on Monday and the tubing is now down some thing over 60 feet. For the first fifty feet the drill met with nothing but sand, but at about that depth it began to strike a very hard shell rock in which it is at present. It is possible that a seam in this rock will soon be struck, or that the drill will go through this stratum, and that then a good flow of water will be had.

The Company are in communication with tank manufacturers and will soon sign the contract for one that will amply supply the wants of a place of 10,000 inhabitants.

They will also soon place a contract for piping enough to bring the water from the well on to the Harrison street dock. With artesian water Panama City can rest easy as to having an epidemic of typhoid fever.